(17) GSR No. 567(E), dated the 12th June, 1990. fully exempting from excise duty bicycle valves and its components.

(18) GSR No. 609(E), dated the 2nd July, 1990, amending Notification No. 73/90-CE dated the 20th March, 1990, granting excise duty concession to specified goods required for the establishment of rural telecommunications network by the Department of Telecomunications.

[Placed in Library See No. LT-1366/90 for (1) to (18)]

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that the Chairman has received a letter from Shri R. K. Narayan stating that he has been advised by the doctors not to travel and is, therefore, unable to attend the current Session. He has requested for grant of leave of absence from the sittings of the House during the current Session. Is it the pleasure of the House that permission be granted to Shri R. K. Narayan for remaining absent from the sittings of the House during the curent Session?

(No hon. Member dissented)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE RUBBER BOARD

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SHREEDHARAN): Madam Deputy Chairman, I beg to move,

"That in pursuance of clause (e) of sub-section (3) of Section 4 of the Rubber Act, 1947 (24 of 1947) read with sub-rule (1) of rule 4 of the Rubber Rules, 1955, this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct one member from among the members of the House to be a member of the Rubber Board."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION BY SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, Personal Explanation by Shrimati Maneka Gandhi...

SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN (Kerala): Madam, on a point of order,...

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA (Bihar): Madam, I am also on a point of order....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let me hear one by one. Mr. Kunjachen.

SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN: Madam, Rule 241, "Personal Explanation" says,

"A member may, with the permission of the Chairman, make a personal explanation although there is no question before the Council, but in this case no debatable matter may be brought forward, and no debate shall arise."

Madam, only a Member of this House, a Member belonging to this House, has the permission to make a personal explantion. She is a Minister and she is not a Member of this House. So she cannot be allowed to make a personal explantion in this House If a Minister wants to say anything on behalf of the Government, the Government may come with a statement and the Members have a right to seek clarifications on that statement. So it is very clear...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let me give my ruling...

SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN: I want your clear ruling.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA (Rajasthan): Before you give a ruling... *(Interruptions)*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let us hear what he wants to say so that I